

Senate Resolution 322

By: Senator Brass of the 28th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Levi Coe, Josiah Henderson, and Cole McKeehan; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Georgia has created the Georgia Consortium for Advanced Technical Training  
4 (GA CATT), the first apprenticeship program in America where high school students  
5 complete the internationally recognized, German certified, occupational apprenticeship  
6 programs; and

7 WHEREAS, GA CATT allows the German American Chamber of Commerce, in partnership  
8 with the Technical College System of Georgia and Georgia Tech's Manufacturing Extension  
9 Partnership, to offer high school students an apprenticeship program starting in tenth grade  
10 that allows them to earn their high school diploma, technical college degree, and German  
11 certification in the occupational area of industrial mechanics to become Advanced  
12 Manufacturing Technicians; and

13 WHEREAS, Levi Coe, Josiah Henderson, and Cole McKeehan were in the inaugural GA  
14 CATT apprenticeship program in Georgia and, in 2019, will be student apprentices who have  
15 successfully completed apprenticeship requirements and passed the Final Exam Part I  
16 German testing and practical assessments; and

17 WHEREAS, Grenzebach, a German company operating in Coweta County providing  
18 industries worldwide with industrial production technology, offered the apprenticeship  
19 opportunity to Levi Coe; and

20 WHEREAS, E.G.O. North America, a German company operating in Coweta County  
21 manufacturing radiant heating elements and electronic components and acting as the  
22 distribution headquarters and main warehouse for E.G.O. products in the North American  
23 market, offered the apprenticeship opportunity to Josiah Henderson and Cole McKeehan; and

24 WHEREAS, E.G.O. North America is providing the opportunity to Josiah Henderson and  
25 Cole McKeehan to train in Germany knowing that the GA CATT program has trained each  
26 student to the same standards as German apprentices; and

27 WHEREAS, the inaugural program was launched in 2016 at the Central Educational Center,  
28 Coweta County's College and Career Academy, with West Georgia Technical College. The  
29 GA CATT program requires company mentors trained to International Association of  
30 German Chambers of Industry and Commerce standards, ensuring the execution of a  
31 customized training plan that meets German certified curriculum requirements and produces  
32 the skill and knowledge level required for employment; and

33 WHEREAS, GA CATT has served employers like Grenzebach and E.G.O. North America  
34 that are interested in growing higher level talent during high school for rapid deployment in  
35 Georgia companies. GA CATT's initial focus was placed on the Advanced Manufacturing  
36 Technician, a highly skilled individual with broad experience in CNC milling and turning,  
37 pneumatics, PLC, and more; and

38 WHEREAS, Levi Coe, Josiah Henderson, and Cole McKeehan are the first high school  
39 students to complete this program here in the United States, making it abundantly fitting and  
40 proper to recognize their hard work and persistence in completing the GA CATT program.

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
42 recognize and commend Levi Coe, Josiah Henderson, and Cole McKeehan for their  
43 outstanding accomplishments and extend best wishes for their continued success.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
45 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Levi Coe, Josiah  
46 Henderson, and Cole McKeehan.